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The practice of forced molting, is a inhumane treatment and needs to end. Hens are starved from 5-14 days to accelerate egg production, this suppresses the hen's immune system. When their immune system is suppressed they are easy prey to Salmonella Enteritidis infection.

Please prohibit forced molting, which is both a primary source of Salmonella in laying hens and is inhumane.

The USDA has acknowledged through its own studies that forced molting is a primary cause of SE Illness, they know this and should end it.

Thanks you for readind and considering this letter.

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